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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: Daniel Brown, et al
Serial No.: 09/686,446
Filed: October 10, 2000
Group No.: 2172
Examiner: Isaac M. Woo
Notice of Allowance Mailed: March 11, 2003
Confirmation No.: 5062
Title: *Rules-Based Notification System*

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in

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their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations, or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner.

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